

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN of PROCTOR

—FOR THE—

Year Ending Feb. 15th,

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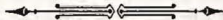
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List of Town Officers.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1892.

Moderator W. E. HIGBEE
Town Clerk E. F. HOLBROOK
Treasurer WM. SMITH

—SELECTMEN—

H. I. REYNOLDS, GEORGE H. DAVIS, H. H. STILSON

—LISTERS—

E. J. BOYCE, S. W. MEAD, CHAS. E. HOLDEN
Overseer of the Poor H. H. BLAKELY
First Constable H. C. BLOOMER
Second Constable S. W. MEAD

—AUDITORS—

E. R. MORSE, R. C. MEAD, W. F. WALKER
Trustee of Public Money B. F. TAYLOR

—FENCE VIEWERS—

W. E. HIGBEE, E. F. HOLBROOK, M. O'ROURKE

—GRAND JURORS—

H. H. STILSON, E. R. MORSE
Pound Keeper W. H. STARTUP
Surveyor of Wood, and Inspector of }
Lumber and Shingles, M. C. WARNER
Inspector of Leather GEORGE H. DAVIS
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits E. R. MORSE
Town Superintendent of Schools F. P. DAVISON

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Tax-Payers of the Town of Proctor :—

The matters to which the Selectmen would call your special attention are the following :—

Construction of new highways.

Reduction of the highway debt.

Increase in expense of poor.

Removal of the Cutter family from town.

Division of school money.

Settlement with the town of Rutland.

During the year three new pieces of road have been built. One leading from Church St. to West St., near the long Emerson Block, for which the Clarendon & Pittsford railroad pays the town of Proctor \$58.09; one short length leading from West St. to the Sheldon hill, and the other leading south from Church St., from a point nearly opposite the Town Hall. No charges were made in any case for land damages. The net cost to the town for these three roads was \$128.91.

The general condition of the highways throughout the town is good, although there are a few places that will need repairs this Spring. With the aid of the \$400.00 which the Village Trustees transferred to the town highway account we were able to pay all highway expenses for the year, and also order No. 19 for \$163.75, which has been outstanding since July 23, 1890. This reduces the highway debt to about \$1890.00.

The increase in the poor expense is due largely to the severe illness of Mrs. Holmquist and family, for whom it was necessary to provide a nurse and constant medical care, and also to the illness and death of George Battese. The

Cutter family has also been an expensive luxury to the town and we are glad to report that the whole family has been taken to Waterbury. For the particulars in this case we would refer you to the report of your town agent.

In the division of the public school money it was found that only \$12.19 could be paid to District No. 10, according to Act No. 9, Sec. 237, Laws of Vermont, 1888. The balance that would otherwise have gone to District No. 10 was divided between the village of Proctor and District No. 6.

The final settlement with Rutland on account of the town division was upon the following basis:—

Net amount due Rutland from Proctor for bills contracted previous to March 1, 1887, for which orders were not drawn until after that date, but for which the whole town was liable \$3,227 53

It was agreed to call the interest in full to time of settlement 125 00

Whole amount due Rutland, \$3,352 53

The Selectmen of Rutland agreed to pay to the town of Proctor, to be applied to the school fund, 8.73 per cent of all money that they have received for the rent of school lands since March 1, 1887, and also 8.73 per cent of what is now due and what shall become due from future rents of these lands. At present this amounts to \$96.33, which, deducted from \$3,352.53, the gross amount, leaves a net amount of \$3,256.20. This sum has been hired from the Proctor Trust Co. and paid to Rutland, making a complete settlement.

The order for \$10.44, payable to J. H. Goulding, was for the extra expense in binding the book of Military Records in cloth. These books are now in the hands of the Town Clerk and will be sold at cost to those wishing copies.

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

DRAWN DURING YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1892.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Order No. 1.	B. F. Taylor Trust., accrued interest on U. S. surplus fund.....	\$ 141 52
" No. 5.	Wm. Smith, half cost of Tax Books and Express.	5 58
" No. 6.	M. J. Francisco & Son, Vermont Mutual Assessments.....	8 36
" No. 7.	Henry F. Field, State Treas., State School Tax..	632 04
" No. 8.	Chas. E. Harris, returning Vital Statistics for Village District.....	13 20
" No. 9.	Wm. Smith, making out Tax Book and Receipts.	6 08
" No. 10.	S. W. Mead, returning Vital Statistics, District No. 10.....	90
" No. 11.	Pelton Printing Co., printing Annual Reports and Tax Bills.....	26 38
" No. 16.	M. J. Francisco & Son, Vermont Mutual Assessments.....	8 80
" No. 17.	Vermont Marble Co., building new roads, Taylor Hill and Church St. to West St.....	187 00
" No. 18.	Henry F. Field, State Treas., State Tax.....	964 31
" No. 20.	J. H. Goulding, extra cost on Military Records in cloth binding.....	10 44
" No. 21.	Vermont Marble Co., building new road South from Town Hall, to be known as Gibbs Street.....	50 00
" No. 22.	Treasurer town of Rutland, settlement between towns of Rutland and Proctor per agreement.	3256 20
" No. 26.	E. F. Holbrook, T. C., services under School Law, Act. 9, of 1888, Sec. 199.....	5 00
" No. 27.	H. I. Reynolds, returning Vital Statistics, District No. 10.....	1 05
" No. 28.	A. G. Coolidge, advice in matter State vs. Geno, and State vs. Peterson.....	2 00
" No. 30.	E. F. Holbrook, recording Vital Statistics.....	6 00
" No. 31.	D. Dorr Hall, returning Vital Statistics, District No. 6.....	75
" No. 19.	Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins, gravel for highway.....	12 50
		<u>\$5338 11</u>

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Order No. 12.	Vermont Marble Co., labor on highway.....	\$ 270 87
" No. 13.	Mrs. J. L. Patch, team work on highway.....	14 17
" No. 14.	M. C. Warner, " " " "	17 67
" No. 15.	John Curry, gravel for highway	9 16
" No. 21.	Vermont Marble Co., labor on highway	31 63
" No. 25.	A. B. Reynolds, 1 chain and axe.....	4 00
		<u>\$347 50</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL MONEY, 1891.

Order No. 2.	Treasurer Village of Proctor, share of Public School Fund.....	\$1586 81
" No. 3.	Treasurer District No. 10, share of Public School Fund... ..	12 19
" No. 4.	Treasurer District No. 6, share of Public School Fund.... ..	109 08
" No. 23.	Treasurer Village of Proctor, share of special 5 per cent School Tax.....	299 73
" No. 24.	Treasurer District No. 6, share of special 5 per cent School Tax.....	30 83
		<u>\$2038 64</u>

DOG FUND.

Order No. 29.	John Goodnough, damage to sheep.....	\$ 20 00
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SUMMARY.

Amount of Orders drawn	General Account.....	\$5338 11
" " "	Highway "	347 50
" " "	School Fund.....	2038 64
" " "	Dog "	20 00
		<u>\$7744 25</u>

Respectfully submitted,

H. I. REYNOLDS,	} Selectmen.
G. H. DAVIS,	
H. H. STILSON,	

Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

I see by comparing this report with last year's that if it had not been for the unusual amount of sickness this year our poor expenses would be somewhat less than last year.

The amount paid by the town to each person receiving help is as follows:—

Mrs. Jane Cutter.....	\$ 368 81
George Audly.....	247 73
Mrs. Holmquist.....	237 91
Olof. G. Olson.....	216 61
Darby Tigue.....	207 40
Mrs. Greene.	198 57
Mrs. King.....	153 12
Geo. Battese.....	100 71
Mrs. Lottingville.....	95 00
Daniel Peterson.....	77 96
John Blesca.....	13 55
Franc Blanc.....	15 50
—— Kelley.....	12 00
Tramp.....	1 00
James Gutzweiler....	12 65
John P. Johnson.....	20 00

\$1978 52

Order Book.....\$1 50

Total amount paid out... \$1980 02

I have received of Michael Greene estate for the support of

Mrs. Greene.....	\$266 50
Of the estate of Franc Blanc, cash.....	16 93
From sale of clothing.....	2 00
John P. Johnson.....	20 00

\$305 43

OVERSEER'S ORDERS.

Order No. 1.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon Mrs. King..\$	1 50
" No. 2.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon Mrs. Cutter.	6 17
" No. 3.	Mrs. Carlos, for boarding Mrs. Greene....	16 00
" No. 4.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 5.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" No. 6.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 7.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" No. 8.	Mrs. Carlos, for boarding Mrs. Greene.....	16 00
" No. 9.	Geo. Dicero, digging grave for Franc Blanc....	2 00
" No. 10.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 11.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" No. 12.	Mrs. Carlos, for boarding Mrs. Greene	20 00
" No. 13.	Geo Dicero, digging grave for Geo. Battese.....	2 00
" No. 14.	Mrs. Carlos, for boarding Geo. Battese.....	22 00
" No. 15.	C. Barnum, care of Geo. Battese.....	29 00
" No. 16.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 17.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue... ..	16 00
" No. 18.	Mrs. Wm. Stanley, for boarding Mrs. Greene....	17 00
" No. 19.	C. Barnum, care of John Blesca.....	8 00
" No. 20.	John Salmon, boarding nurse for John Blesca...	4 00
" No. 21.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon Mrs. Cutter..	3 75
" No. 22.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 23.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" No. 24.	Mrs. Wm. Stanley, for boarding Mrs. Greene....	17 00
" No. 0.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon Geo. Battese.	19 13
" No. 25.	Mrs. Lottingville, ticket to Brattleboro.....	3 00
" No. 26.	S. B. Arnold, for milk for Mrs. Cutter.....	7 50
" No. 27.	S. B. Arnold, for milk for O. G. Olson.....	7 50
" No. 28.	John Salmon, for boarding J. Johnson.....	20 00
" No. 29.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" No. 30.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 31.	Mrs. Wm. Stanley, for boarding Mrs. Greene....	17 00
" No. 32.	{ W. H. Mead, for meat furnished O. G. Olson.	42 06
	{ W. H. Mead, for meat furnished Mrs. King...	32 94
	{ W. H. Mead, for meat furnished Mrs. Cutter..	28 64
" No. 33.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 34.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" No. 35.	Mrs. Wm. Stanley, for boarding Mrs. Greene....	18 00
" No. 36.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon Mrs. King...	10 88
" No. 37.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon O. G. Olson..	1 50
" No. 38.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00

" No. 39.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 40.	Mrs. Wm. Stanley, for boarding Mrs. Greene.	18 00
" No. 41.	C. H. Campbell, coffin for Kelley.....	12 00
" No. 42.	C. H. Campbell, coffin for Franc Blanc.....	12 00
" No. 43.	C. H. Campbell, coffin for Geo. Battese.....	13 00
" No. 44.	John Curry, for boarding Geo Audly.....	20 00
" No. 45.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" No. 46.	Mrs. Wm. Stanley, for boarding Mrs. Greene....	18 00
" No. 47.	Mrs. Wm. Stanley, for boarding Mrs. Greene....	4 00
" No. 48.	Mrs. John Farrell, for boarding Mrs. Greene.....	17 00
" No. 49.	J. Lottingville, ticket from Brattleboro.....	2 80
" No. 49½.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon Mrs. Holmquist.....	68 85
" No. 50.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue....	16 00
" No. 51.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 52.	S. W. Mead, for milk for Mrs. Holmquist.....	4 80
" No. 53.	Edla Vickney, care of Mrs. Holmquist.....	20 00
" No. 54.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 55.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" No. 56.	Mrs. Newman, care of Holmquist family.....	40 75
" No. 57.	Mrs. John Farrell, for boarding Mrs. Greene....	17 00
" No. 58.	E. R. Morse, in Cutter case.....	1 00
" No. 59.	August Swanson, for boarding Dan Peterson and children.....	26 00
" No. 60.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon Holmquist family.....	13 50
" No. 61.	S. B. Arnold, for milk for Mrs. Cutter.....	9 20
" No. 62.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon Mrs. Peterson.	33 75
" No. 63.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon D. Tigue..	5 25
" No. 64.	Dr. H. L. Newell, attendance upon Mrs. Cutter..	1 13
" No. 65.	Mrs. ———, care of Holmquist family.....	4 00
" No. 66.	Geo. Dicero, digging grave for Holmquist child..	2 00
" No. 67.	S. W. Mead, for milk for Mrs. Holmquist.....	5 15
" No. 68.	Mrs. Chatterton, for milk for D. Peterson.....	4 95
" No. 69.	Mrs. F. Anderson, for care of Holmquist child..	6 00
" No. 70.	Timothy Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" No. 71.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audly.....	20 00
" No. 72.	H. H. Blakely, supplies to Mrs. Cutter.....	87 47
" No. 73.	H. H. Blakely, supplies as follows :—	
	Mrs. King.....	\$ 4 85
	Mrs. Holmquist.....	13 20
	O. G. Olson.....	6 20
	Mrs. Lottingville.....	6 75

	Mrs. Greene....	2 00
	Tramp.....	1 00
	Order Book.....	1 50—35 50
" No. 74.	W. H. Mead, for meat furnished Mrs. Cutter.	21 05
	W. H. Mead, for meat furnished Mrs. King.	15 03—36 08
" No. 75.	Ladabouche & Co., for meat furnished O. G. Olson	18 22
" No. 76.	Vt. Marble Co., rents, as follows :—	
	Mrs. Cutter.	\$36 00
	O. G. Olson.....	54 00
	Mrs. Lottingville... ..	48 00
	Mrs. Holmquist.....	7 50
	Mrs. King.....	20 06—165 50
" No. 77.	S. B. Arnold, for milk for Mrs. Cutter.....	75
" No. 78.	J. McDevitt, for carriage at funeral of	
	Frank Blank.....	1 50
	J. McDevitt, for carriage at funeral of	
	Holmquist child... ..	1 50— 3 00
" No. 79.	Vt. Marble Co's store, mdse. furnished.....	468 74
	Total.....	\$1980 02
	Less amount received as above.....	305 43
		<u>\$1674 59</u>

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. BLAKELY,

Overseer of the Poor.

Treasurer's Report.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1891.....	\$ 142 85
Cash, Vt. Marble Co., interest on loan.....	20 00
“ Town Tax, paid Treas. direct.....	1941 67
“ H. C. Bloomer, Collector Tax, 1891.....	85 84
“ “ “ “ 1890.....	2 03
“ “ “ “ 1889.....	40
“ “ “ “ 1888.....	85
“ “ “ “ 1887.....	40
“ Additions to list, 1891.....	7 01
“ State Treas. increase our share U. S. Surplus Fund Div., 1890.....	1179 70
“ J. P. Johnson, help from town.....	20 00
“ T. W. Maloney, trustee estate M. Green.....	266 50
“ Frank Blair, help town... ..	16 93
“ Sale clothing.....	2 00
“ Dog fund.....	87 90
“ Clarendon & Pittsford R. R.....	58 09
	<u>\$3832 17</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Overseer's orders outstanding Feb. 15, 1891.....	\$ 641 40
“ Overseer's orders, current year.....	1980 22
“ Selectmen's orders outstanding Feb. 15, 1891.....	312 57
“ Selectmen's orders, current year.....	485 56
“ Interest Overseer's orders outstanding.....	80 89
“ School Fund, amt. due as per settlement with Rutland... ..	96 33
Balance on hand.....	285 20
	<u>\$3832 17</u>

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1891.....	\$ 55 94
“ Highway Tax, paid Treas. direct.....	154 75
“ Village Proctor.....	400 00
“ H. C. Bloomer, Col. Tax, 1888.....	30
“ “ “ “ 1891.....	60 78
	<u>\$ 671 77</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid outstanding orders.....	\$ 168 01
" interest outstanding orders.....	139 99
" Selectmen's orders, current year.....	358 20
Balance on hand.....	5 57
	<u>\$ 671 77</u>

SCHOOL TAX FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1891.....	\$1461 34
" B. F. Taylor, interest U. S. Surplus Fund.....	141 52
" Vt. Marble Co., interest on loan.....	28 23
" State Treas., interest Huntington Fund.....	66 99
" State Treas., share Special School Tax	330 56
" State Special School Tax.....	585 23
" State School Tax.....	1163 51
" Additions to list 1891 Special Tax.....	2 11
" " " State School.....	4 22
" H. C. Bloomer, Col.....	79 02
" Town Rutland, amt. due as per settlement	96 33
	<u>\$3959 06</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Village Proctor.....	\$1586 81
" District No. 6.....	109 08
" State Treas., Special Tax.....	632 04
Balance on hand.....	1631 13
	<u>\$3959 06</u>

STATE TAX FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash, State Tax, 1891.....	\$1745 90
" Additions to list, 1891.....	6 30
" H. C. Bloomer, Col.....	77 89
	<u>\$1830 09</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid one-half State Tax.....	\$ 964 31
Balance on hand.....	865 78
	<u>\$1830 09</u>

DOG FUND.

Cash from Town Clerk, licenses.....\$ 107 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid John Goodnough, damage sheep.....\$ 20 00

Balance to General Fund.....87 90

\$ 107 90

STATEMENT OF TAXES, 1891.

Amount Town Tax Bill.....\$2142 94

" Paid Treas. direct.....\$1941 67

" Four per cent discount to tax-payers.....81 12

" Treas. Fees.....19 63

" Abatements.....4 03

" From H. C. Bloomer, Col.....85 84

" Due from Collector.....10 65-\$2142 94

Amount Highway Tax Bill.....\$ 224 17

" Paid Treas. direct.....\$154 75

" Four per cent discount to tax-payers.....6 47

" Treas. Fees.....1 57

" From H. C. Bloomer, Col.....60 78

" Due from Collector.....60-\$224 17

Amount State Tax Bill.....\$1928 47

" Paid Treas. direct.....\$1745 90

" Four per cent discount to tax-payers.....74 16

" Treas. Fees.....17 95

" Abatements.....3 63

" From H. C. Bloomer, Col.....77 25

" Due from Collector.....9 58-\$1928 47

Amount State School Tax Bill.....\$1285 74

" Paid Treas. direct.....\$1163 51

" Four per cent discount to tax-payers.....49 85

" Treas. Fees.....12 07

" Abatements.....2 42

" From H. C. Bloomer, Col.....51 50

" Due from Collector.....6 39-\$1285 74

Amount Special School Tax Bill.....\$642 79

" Paid Treas. direct.....\$ 585 23

" Four per cent discount to tax-payers.....23 05

" Treas. Fees.....5 34

" Abatements.....1 21

" From H. C. Bloomer, Col.....25 76

" Due from Collector.....3 20-\$642 79

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SMITH, Treasurer.

Auditors' Report.

To the Tax-Payers of the Town of Proctor:—

As Auditors for the year ending Feb. 15, 1892, we beg to submit our report as below.

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen and Overseer, and also the various accounts of your Treasurer, and we find the financial condition of the town as follows:

LIABILITIES.

U. S. Surplus Fund, borrowed.....	\$3538 44
Interest on same at 6 per cent.....	188 71
Selectmen's order No. 18, highway account, accepted July 23, 1890.....	1500 00
Selectmen's order No. 26, highway account, accepted October 9, 1888.....	385 00
Selectmen's order No. 22, general account, accepted January 19, 1892.....	3256 20
Interest on above to February 15, 1892.....	72 16
Selectmen's orders, outstanding, Nos. 3, 23 and 24, not accepted, account of School Fund.....	342 75
Total liabilities.....	<u>\$9283 26</u>

RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, General and Highway.....	\$ 290 77
Due from H. C. Bloomer, Collector.....	11 25
Cash on hand, to retire school orders Nos. 3, 23 and 24.....	342 75
Total resources.....	<u>\$ 644 77</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Total Liabilities.....	\$9283 26
Total Resources.....	644 77
Net liabilities.....	<u>\$8638 49</u>

The amount to be provided for, by tax or otherwise, for the coming year is estimated as follows :—

Selectmen's orders outstanding.....	\$5141 20
Accrued and one year's interest on same..	380 63
Interest on U. S. Surplus Fund.....	212 31
Current expenses, estimated.....	200 00
Poor expenses, estimated.....	1600 00
	<u>\$7534 14</u>

We would recommend a tax of twenty-five cents on the dollar.

E. R. MORSE,	} Auditors.
R. C. MEAD,	
W. E. HIGBEE,	

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

Owing to the recent decision of the Supreme Court in regard to the time necessary to acquire a residence in pauper cases, we were obliged to withdraw our suit against the town of Woodford. We then brought suit against Mr. Burleigh, of Waterbury, Vt., under Sec. 2844 of the Revised Laws. As a result of this suit an agreement has recently been made whereby Mr. Burleigh pays us one hundred dollars on account of the money that we have paid out for Mrs. Cutter's support, and has had her and her family removed to Waterbury, it being understood as a part of the settlement that she shall not in the future be a charge upon the town of Proctor.

E. R. MORSE, Town Agent.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

In February, 1891, the U. S. Surplus Fund amounted to \$2,358.74. The redistribution of the surplus fund under census of 1890 gave to this town \$1,179.70, so that the present surplus fund and the fund for the next ten years will be \$3,538.44, the interest of which at 6 per cent. is applied to the school fund.

This money is at present loaned to the town of Proctor. I have received from the town of Proctor and paid over to the Treasurer of said town \$141.52, interest on the U. S. surplus fund.

B. F. TAYLOR, Trustee.

Proctor, Vt., Feb. 13, 1892.

Justice Report.

STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL CAUSES TRIED BEFORE H. C. BLOOMER,
Justice of the Peace, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1891.

DATE.	NAME.	OFFENCE.	FINE.	COSTS.	DISPOSITION.
1891 Aug. 17	Chs. Peterson.	Breach of Peace.	\$5.00	\$4.51	Com't'd to H's'e of Cor.

I, H. C. Bloomer, Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that the above is the only criminal cause heard by me in which the town of Proctor is interested for the year last, ending on the 31st day of December, 1891.

H. C. BLOOMER,
Justice of the Peace.

Report of Town Superintendent of Schools.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Proctor :—

Owing to the regular High School duties of your Superintendent, his visits to the schools of the town have necessarily been somewhat brief; the whole number of visits made being forty-seven and the number of days spent thirteen.

In all the schools of the town there has been steady, and in some, very marked progress. The work done by the teachers as a body has been highly commendable.

In the schools of the Graded District many improvements and additions in the way of apparatus and supplies have been made.

In the Spring Term, through the generosity of Senator Proctor, national flags were presented to the schools and can now be seen floating from each of the school buildings. The first Manual of the Schools, containing Courses of Study, Rules and Regulations, names of Committee and Teachers, etc., was issued during the Spring Term and has proved of great assistance to the teachers, and of interest to parents. Both Reading and Music Charts have been added to the Primary Schools. Supplementary Reading Books were furnished at the beginning of the year, to all schools except the Grammar Grade, and have met with hearty commendation from all the teachers, and cannot but be productive of much good. Drawing materials, including models, books, pencils, erasers, etc., have been freely furnished by the committee, and the work in drawing, under the direction of the special instructor, has steadily progressed. The study of chemistry in the High School has been made possible by the addition of a set of chemical apparatus.

In the Spring Term, through the efforts of Mr. W. F. Walker, then treasurer of the Proctor Trust Co., heartily seconded by the teachers, the pupils were encouraged to save and deposit their savings in the bank, and the result was one of surprise to all interested, over \$200 being so deposited by the end of the term. Additions have from time to time been made to these deposits and I would urge upon parents and teachers the importance of inculcating in children and pupils the habit of saving.

Arbor Day was observed in an appropriate manner, to the exercises of which all parents were cordially invited and many responded. Closing exercises at the end of the Spring and Fall Terms were well attended by parents and friends. Besides the presence of parents on such occasions as the preceding, I have been pleased to notice their visits to individual schools, and trust that in the future they will be more frequent. The earnest co-operation and hearty sympathy of parents and friends with the teachers is much to be desired.

The school in District No. 10, the only district outside of the Graded District which comes under the supervision of your Superintendent, has been taught by one teacher throughout the year, which is a commendable feature. Although progress has been made, and the teacher has, I have no doubt, faithfully endeavored to put into use all suggestions made by the Superintendent, yet I regret to say that there has not been the improvement which the needs and outlay of the District demands. I would urge upon the citizens of that District the need of unison in feeling and sentiment, and that there be a united effort during the coming year to maintain one of the best of schools.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. DAVISON.

Proctor, Feb. 13, 1892.

NOTICE.

The legal voters in town meeting of the town of Proctor are hereby warned to meet at the Village Hall in the village of Proctor, on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D. 1892, at 11 o'clock A. M., to act on the following matters, to wit:

1. To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
2. To choose the necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
3. To see if the town will vote a State school tax, and if so, how much.
4. To see if the town will vote to raise more than fifteen cents on the dollar highway tax, as required by law.
5. To see if the town will vote to raise money, by taxation, or otherwise, to pay current expenses and the indebtedness of the town, and to see at what time the same and highway tax and other taxes that may be voted shall be payable.
6. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 382 to 388, inclusive, of the Revised Laws and amendments thereto, for the collection of taxes.
7. To see if the town will vote any compensation to town officers.
8. To choose grand and petit jurors.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

H. I. REYNOLDS,
GEORGE H. DAVIS, } Selectmen.
H. H. STILSON,

Proctor, Vt., Feb. 17, 1892.